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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoshihiko HIROTA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/263,805

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Examiner: WU, Jingge

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For: **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COLOR IMAGE DETERMINATION METHOD THEREOF**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of February 19, 2003 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Species I (claims 1, 52 and 56) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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